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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING (1977) CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES, JANUARY  
31, 1977

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1. FIRST MEETING (1977) OF COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES TOOK PLACE AT  
CENTO HQ ON JANUARY 31, 1977, AT WHICH FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE  
TAKEN:

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CD/77/A1REV. 1): APPROVED.

3. APPROVAL OF RECORD (CD/76/R5): APPROVED.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT (CD/76/D19): COUNCIL  
APPROVED APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK ROSS METCALFE (UK), REPLACING  
RICHARD DOX (ALSO UK). METCALFE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN  
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ANKARA ON FEBRUARY 20.

5. ASSUMPTION OF DUTY BY SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY AT TEHRAN:  
SECRETARY-GENERAL ANNOUNCED, AND COUNCIL NOTED, THAT  
RAYMOND WRIGHT (UK) HAS TAKEN UP HIS POST AS CENTO  
SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY, RESIDENT IN TEHRAN.

6. SALARY AND ALLOWANCES ADMUSTMENT FOR GRADED STAFF  
(CD/77/D1): COUNCIL APPROVED SALARY AND ALLOWANCE SCHEDULES  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1976. (FYI, REVISED COST OF LIVING  
AND ENT ALLOWANCES WERE APPROVED PER STATE 3070, ANKAR  
9504 AND 9500.)

7. UPGRADATION OF CERTAIN GRADE VI POSTS TO GRADE VII  
(CD/77/D2): COUNCIL APPROVED RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS: "NOTING  
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,  
(COUNCIL) APPROVES THE UPGRADATION OF SEVEN SECONDED GRADE VI  
OFFICERS TO GRADE VII WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN SALARIES AND ALLOW-  
ANCES." IN CONJUNCTION WITH REVIEW OF FY 76-77 BUDGET,  
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES' OFFICE (COUNTER-SUBVERSION, SECURITY  
AND LIAISON) REQUESTED UPGRADING OF SIX POSTS TO GRADE VII  
SO THAT INCUMBENTS COULD QUALIFY FOR DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES  
UNDER TERMS OF CENTO-HOST GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. GRANTING OF  
DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY NRO TO  
ATTRACT HIGH-CALIBER STAFF THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT.  
SUBSEQUENTLY, SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDED THAT AN ADDITIONAL GRADE  
VI POST IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION BE UPGRADED FOR SAME  
REASON AND ON GROUNDS OF EQUITY. HOWEVER, BAC DECIDED THAT,  
BECAUSE SOLE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING IS TO QUALIFY THEM FOR  
DIPLOMATIC STATUS, INCUMBENTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVE  
SALARY AND ALLOWANCE INCREASES OF GRADE VII PENDING FULL  
REVIEW OF SECRETARIAT AND NRO RESTRUCTURING AND STAFFNG.  
DURING COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, U.S. DEPUTY  
CAUTIONED THAT ANY SUBSEQUENT PAY RAISE FOR THESE STAFF  
MEMBERS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PREDICATED ON DIPLOMATI  
STATUS ALONE, BUT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE MERITS OF THE JOBS.  
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8. SECRETARIAT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1976-  
7 (CD/77/\$4: COUNCIL APPROVED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:  
"NOTING THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMEN-  
DATION, COUNCIL) APPROVES THE SECRETARIAT'S BUDGET  
ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1976-77 AS CONTAINED IN THE  
ATTACHED SUMMARY (ANNEX A TO CD/77/D4) AND THE BUDGET  
ESTIMATES (REV 1) SHALL BE SUBMITTED AT AN EARLY DATE  
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED POUNDS 720,000 REPEAT 720,000."  
DOWNWARD REVISION FROM EARLIER REPORTED CEILING OF POUNDS  
749,000 (STATE 16808 AND ANKARA 289) WAS NEGOTIATED WITH  
SECRETARIAT BY PAKISTANI DELEGATION WHICH INSISTED THAT  
COST-OF-LIVING AND RENT ALLOWANCE INCREASES SHOULD BE  
APPLIED PROPORTIONALLY TO SECRETARIAT STAFF DEPENDING  
ON GRADE. FINAL COMPROMISE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL  
DEPUTIES ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS, PROVIDES FOR APPLICATION OF  
15 PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR ALL PERSONNEL, 15 PER-  
CENT (VICE 20 PERCENT) INCREASE IN RENT ALLOWANCE FOR  
UPPER GRADE STAFF 7 THROUGH 10 AND NO REPEAT NO RENT ALLOWANCE

INCREASE FOR LOWER GRADE STAFF 1 THROUGH 6. DURING COUNCIL DISCUSSION, SECRETARY-GENERAL STATED THAT IN FUTURE SECRETARIAT AND BAC WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION DESIRABILITY OF APPLYING COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES PROPORTIONALLY ACCORDING TO GRADE, I.E. DIFFERENT GRADES WOULD RECEIVE VARYING PERCENTAGES OF INCREASES IN BOTH COST-OF-LIVING AND HOUSING ALLOWANCES. ADDITIONALLY, PURSUANT TO POINT MADE BY PAKISTANI DEPUTY, FRINGE BENEFITS (E.G., REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES) WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN APPORTIONING COST-OF-LIVING AND OTHER INCREASES.

9. COMBINED MILITARY PLANNING STAFF (CMPS) BUDGET (CE/77/D5): COUNCIL APPROVED TOTAL BUDGET OF POUNDS 224,956, ADJUSTED SLIGHTLY TO REFLECT PAKISTANI COMPROMISE ON ALLOWANCE INCREASES PER PARA 8 ABOVE.

10. MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC FUND AUDIT FOR 1974-75 (CD/76/ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D20): COUNCIL APPROVED AUDIT REPORT WHICH REVEALED NO REPEAT NO IRREGULARITIES.

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11. PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE AT CONFERENCE RATES (CD/77/D3):  
COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF SECRETARIAT EXPLANATION OF ITS PROCEDURE WHEREBY FULL SUBSISTENCE (PER DIEM) RATES ARE PAID FOR ATTENDANCE AT CENCO CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS WHEN THE HOST MOUNTRY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE LODGING AS PART OF ITS HOSTSHIP, AND REDUCED PER DIEM IN CASES TWHEH THE HOST COUNTRY PROVIDES GRATIS OR REDUCED-PRICE HOTEL OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS. DURING DISCUSSION, INITIATED BY PAKISTANI DEPUTY AT NOVEMBER 29 COUNCIL MEETING, SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT HE AND CMPS CHIEF OF STAFF WILL IN FUTURE PERSONALLY ENSURE THAT SECRETARIAT REGULATIONS ARE ADHERED TO AND THAT FULL PER DM WILL BE AUTHORIZED ONLY ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. ALSO, SECRETARY-GENERAL ASKED DEPUTIES FROM TIME TO TIME TO RECOMMEND SUITABLE HOTELS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE USED FOR CENCO MEETINGS AT ECONOMICAL RATES. IN COMMENT, U.S. DEPUTY NOTED THAT U.S. CONGRESS IS SENSITIVE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' PAYING FOR BETTER TREATMENT AT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS THAN ACCORDED TO U.S. CIVIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVANTS, AND HE CAUTIONED CENCO NOT TO PURSUE MORE GENEROUS POLICIES IN THIS REGARD THAN OBSERVED BY THE U.S. SECRETARY-GENERAL ALSO NOTED THAT HE BELIEVES CENCO PER DIEM RATES ARE LOWER THAN SOME OF THOSE PAID BY MEMBER NATIONS. (SEE ALSO PARA 2D REFTEL).

12. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TRAVEL PLANS: SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO ISLAMABAD FOR CONSULTATIONS, ORIGINALLY SLATED FOR MARCH 3-8, WILL BE RESCHEDULED BEAU OF PAKISTANI GENERAL ELECTIONS. SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE WOULD KEEP DEPUTIES INFORMED OF HIS PLANS TO VISIT ISLAMABAD AND OF ANY CONSEQUENT CHANGES IN HIS TIMING OF VISITS TO OTHER CAPITALS.

13. OTHER BUSINESS: SECRETARY-GENERAL WELCOMED ARRIVAL OF NEW ASSISTANT ECONOMIC SECRETARY FROM IRAN.

14. NEXT MEETING: SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE WILL PROPOSE THAT DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING BE PHASED WITH HIS FORTHCOMING ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS IN CAPITALS AND WITH SUBMISSION OF HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE APRIL MINISTERIAL. ALSO, SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE HOPED THAT THE REVISED PAPER ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING (ANKARA 701) WILL BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES IN MID-MARCH AND ULTIMATE SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS IN APRIL. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HOPED IRANIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE ABLE TO TABLE PROPOSED TEXTUAL REVISIONS TO SITUATION PAPER SOON (SEE

PARA 1, ANKARA 701 AND ANKARA 200). AT THIS TIME, THEREFORE,  
IT IS PROJECTED THAT COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES WILL MEET AGAIN  
IN MID-MARCH AND AGAIN APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS BEFORE THE  
MINISTERIAL MEETING, APRIL 23-25, IN TEHRAN.  
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